106TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

H. R. 4373

To amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to limit disclosure of consumer reports on an employee which are obtained in connection with allegations of illegal conduct.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

May 3, 2000

Ms. Schakowsky introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT.
- 4 (a) Section 604.—Section 604(b) of the Fair Credit
- 5 Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. 1681b(b)) is amended by adding
- 6 at the end the following:
- 7 "(5) Application.—Paragraphs (2)(A) and
- 8 (3)(A) do not apply with respect to a consumer re-
- 9 port for an employee which is obtained for the pur-

- 1 poses of investigating allegations of a violation of the
- 2 Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Age
- 3 Discrimination Act of 1975, the Older Americans
- 4 Act of 1965, the Age Discrimination in Employment
- 5 Act of 1967, title VII of the Civil Rights Act of
- 6 1964 or analogous State and local laws.".
- 7 (b) Section 606.—Section 606 of the Fair Credit
- 8 Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. 1681d) is amended by adding
- 9 at the end the following:
- 10 "(e) Subsections (a), (b), (c), and (d)(1) do not apply
- 11 with respect to a consumer report for an employee which
- 12 is obtained for the purposes of investigating allegations
- 13 of a violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act of
- 14 1990, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Older
- 15 Americans Act of 1965, the Age Discrimination in Em-
- 16 ployment Act of 1967, title VII of the Civil Rights Act
- 17 of 1964 or analogous State and local laws.".
- 18 (c) Section 609.—Section 609(a)(1) of the Fair
- 19 Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. 1681g) is amended by
- 20 adding before the period at the end the following: "or, in
- 21 the case of a consumer report for an employee which is
- 22 obtained for the purposes of investigating allegations of
- 23 a violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990,
- 24 the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Older Americans
- 25 Act of 1965, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act

- 1 of 1967, title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 or analo-
- 2 gous State and local laws by that employee, to require
- 3 prior to any adverse action or in any case, not later than
- 4 30 days after the commencement of an investigation or
- 5 after such date upon request, disclosure of more than a
- 6 summary containing the nature and substance of the in-
- 7 formation (i.e. information which is meaningful and gen-
- 8 uine that serves as a basis of the decision to investigate
- 9 but is not so specific as to identify witnesses or otherwise
- 10 inhibit the investigation) in the consumer's file at the time
- 11 of the request for the consumer report".

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